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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s) of pupils in Years 7 and 8

Year 7 and Year 8 Short Story Writing Competition 2018 – Michaelmas Half-Term

It is the time of year, once again, when members of Year 7 and Year 8 have the chance to show off their talents as short story writers. This is a voluntary activity over the half term period – we simply hope to receive as many entries as possible from both year groups when we return to school after the break. Perhaps you might like to encourage your child to take part as it is such a positive activity for them.

Pupils will be introduced to the titles during Week 7 and will all have prep to work on generating interesting ideas. They may well want to share these ideas and drafts with you over half term. Have a great time sharing story ideas together ... but please let them do the writing, for obvious reasons!

Details for the children will be as follows.

Children choose one of these four options:

1. Write a short story which, at some point, includes a **character climbing hurriedly into an old rowing boat** [you decide on your own title for this story.]
2. Your title is “**Misplaced Loyalty.**”
3. Write a story in which a **tall oak tree** plays an important part [you decide on your own title.]
4. Write a story which includes the following words, at some point: “**Don’t be a fool ...put it down!**” [you decide on your own title.]

How children enter

1. Write your story during your wonderfully long, two week half term ☺
1. Your story must be **typed** and it must be between **500 and 700 words in length**.
1. Type only on **one side** of each piece of paper that you use.
1. Type your **name**, your **form** - and the **number of the title** that you are writing about - on each sheet of paper (as a header).
1. **Staple your sheets together** if you use more than one.
1. The **deadline** for handing in your completed story to your English teacher [Mr Standing or Mr Shelley] is **Friday 9th November 2018** - the Friday of the first week back to school, after half-term.



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Prizes 😊😊😊

Year 8 1st Prize £12 book token 😊 Year 7 1st Prize £12 book token 😊

Year 8 Runners-up £8 book tokens 😊 Year 7 Runners-up £8 book tokens 😊

Certificates of participation will be given to all entrants to say thank you and well done 😊

Kind regards,

Mr R Shelley

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